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## BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
INBOUND COMPETITIVE MULTI-SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH
FOREIGN POSTAL OPERATORS
INTERCONNECT REMUNERATION AGREEMENT – UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE AND SPECIFIED POSTAL OPERATORS II
(MC2010-34)
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2022-34

## NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF FILING MODIFICATIONS TO FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT INBOUND COMPETITIVE MULTI-SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN POSTAL OPERATORS

(September 14, 2022)

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby provides notice of filing modifications to the competitive multi-product "Interconnect Remuneration Agreement USPS and Specified Postal Operators II" (referred to as the "IRA-USPS II Agreement") that is included within the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (MC2010-34) product.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued an order on December 23, 2021 favorably reviewing the inbound competitive portions of the IRA-USPS II Agreement and issued an order on July 28, 2022 favorably reviewing certain modifications to future inbound rates under the IRA-USPS II Agreement.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to the IRA-USPS II Agreement, any party may modify its delivery rates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2022-34, December 8, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PRC Order No. 6074, Order Approving Additional Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2022-34, December 23, 2021; PRC Order No. 6210, Order Approving Modifications to Rates Under the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service IRA-USPS II Agreement, Docket No. CP2022-34, June 28, 2022.

by communicating the new rates to the International Post Corporation (IPC) by the July 15 of the year preceding their application.<sup>3</sup> In accordance with these terms, the Postal Service and other parties to the IRA-USPS II Agreement submitted new rates to IPC and IPC circulated these rates to the relevant parties. These modified rates will be reflected in revised versions of each party's respective Link Specific Annex 2 – Appendix 1 of the IRA-USPS II Agreement.

Additionally, under the IRA-USPS II Agreement, any party may set or modify its quality of service standards by communicating those standards to IPC by June 1 of the year proceeding their application.<sup>4</sup> In accordance with these terms, one party to the IRA-USPS II Agreement submitted modified quality of service standards to IPC and IPC provided these standards to the Postal Service. These modified standards will be reflected in a revised version of the Link Specific Annex 3 – Appendix 1 that governs the relationship between this foreign postal operator and the Postal Service.

The modifications to the future effective rates and quality of service standards under the IRA-USPS II Agreement result in certain necessary updates to the non-public versions of Attachments 2 and 3 that the Postal Service filed with its Initial Notice in this matter and revised with its Second Errata, and Attachment 1 that the Postal Service filed with its Supplemental Notice in this matter and revised with its Supplemental Errata.<sup>5</sup> The effective date of the revisions filed with this Notice will be January 1, 2023.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2022-34, December 8, 2021 (Initial Notice), Attachment 2 (IRA-USPS II Agreement), at Annex 2 (pp. 21-23).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Id. at Attachment 2, Annex 3 (p. 51).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Initial Notice at Attachments 2 and 3; Second Errata to Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2022-34, December 21, 2021 (Second Errata); Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Accession to Inbound Competitive Multi-Service IRA-USPS II Agreement, Docket No. CP2022-34, December 14, 2021 (Supplemental Notice); Errata to Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing

A table below identifies the impacted filing, original file name of the attachment, corresponding actual and PDF pages that will be revised in each file, and the revised file name as filed with this Notice. These revisions do not impact the public versions of any attachment that the Postal Service filed in this matter.

Filing	Original File Name	Page Numbers	PDF Page Numbers	Revied File Name
Initial Notice	Att 2 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34	24-25	24-25	Att 2 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-02-22
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO1	24-25	1-2	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO1
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO2	24-25	1-2	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO2
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO3	24-25	2-3	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO3
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO4	24-25	1-2	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO4
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO5	24-25	2-3	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO5

Accession to Inbound Competitive Multi-Service IRA-USPS II Agreement, Docket No. CP2022-34, December 21, 2021 (Supplemental Errata).

Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO6	24-25	2-3	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO6
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO7	24-25	1-2	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO7
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO8	24-25	2-3	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO8
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO9	24-25	2-3	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO9
Initial Notice	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement - FPO10	24-25; 55	2-3; 29	Att 3 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22; Att3 - NONPUBLIC - IRA- USPS II Agreement – FPO10
Supplemental Notice	Att 1 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34	24-25	1-2	Att 1 - NONPUBLIC - CP2022-34 - Revised 09-14-22

The Postal Service maintains that these revisions to the rates and quality of service standards under the IRA-USPS II Agreement should remain confidential and incorporates by reference its Application for Non-Public Treatment filed with its Initial Notice in this docket.<sup>6</sup> The Postal Service requests that the Commission continue to

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 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$  Initial Notice, at Attachment 1 (Application of United Postal Service for Non-Public Treatment of Materials).

grant its Application for Non-Public Treatment of the materials filed in support of this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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